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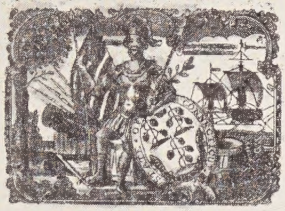

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

JONATHAN TRUMBULL, Esq;

Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the State of CONNECTICUT,

A PROCLAMATION.

THE moſt glorious Governor of the World, whoſe tender Mercies extend to all his Works, having in infinite Goodneſs beſtowed innumerable Bleſſings on a moſt unworthy People; it becomes us with unfeigned Gratitude to extol and bleſs his Name in the great Congregation, To ſpeak the glorious Honor of his Majeſty, and of all his wonderful Works, and abundantly to utter the Memory of his Goodneſs; though involved in a bloody and obſtinate War, which in juſtice Wiſdom hath permitted for his own Glory and our Correction, as hath not forbidden, but in moſt remarkably bleſſing us in many reſpects.--Our Councils and public Meaſures are collecting Firmneſs.--our Civil and Religious Liberties preſerved inviolate.--the Arms of the Country victorious beyond our moſt ſanguine Expectation.--our Labours crowned with great Plenty of Proviſion both for Man and Beaſt.--uncommon Health in moſt Parts of the Land through the Year.--and at the higheſt Inſtance of Divine Goodneſs, we enjoy the Goſpel and its Priviledges, and the ſure Word of Revelation to Teach us the unſearchable Riches of CHRIST and his redeeming Love.--Theſe are the LORD's Mercies for which his Name ſhould be praiſed.

I HAVE therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice of the Council, and at the Deſire of the Repreſentatives in General Court aſſembled, to appoint, and do hereby appoint Thurſday the Twentieth Day of November next to be obſerved as a Day of public Praiſe and Thankſgiving throughout this State. Directing and exhorting all Denominations and Orders of People, to bleſs the Moſt High GOD for his great Wiſdom and Goodneſs, the mighty Acts of his Providence by which we are defended, and for all the Favours and Comforts of Life. That we have a Plenty of the Fruits of the Earth almoſt unparalelled, and though often diſturbed by the Alarm of War, had Opportunity for Ingathering them. To praiſe the Sovereign Lord of Life for the Health of our Countenance, and the Vigour of our Days--that the Inhabitants, and eſpecially our Soldiery in the Field, have been preſerved from mortal Sickneſs, and enabled to endure the Fatigues of a Campaign with uncommon Firmneſs and Spirit. To render unfeigned Praiſe to the LORD of Hoſts, that he hath appeared for us in the Mount of Difficulty, and Day of War.--inſpired our Officers both General and Subordinate with ſuch Wiſdom and Fortitude, and our Soldiers with ſuch Bravery, that their Arms have been terrible to the common Enemy, and with the Bleſſing of Heaven, the Means of procuring us ſo great Salvation. And while devout Praiſe is rendered for every Inſtance of Military Succeſs, to take ſpecial Notice of GOD's Goodneſs in the Defeat and Conqueſt of our Enemies in the Northern Department; a Bleſſing in which the States of New-England are eſpecially intereſted. That when our Enemy truſting in the Strength of their own Wiſdom and Power, and the mighty preparation of war, threatened us with every Evil that Humanity can deprecate; the LORD beheld and confounded them, bringing Salvation out of thoſe Events, which alarmed our apprehenſions. And eſpecially to ſing of GOD's Goodneſs, and the Glory of his Perfections in Redeeming Men--permitting us to enjoy Chriſtian Previliges, and to hope for a happy Immortality; and for every Bleſſing by which the Glory of his Mercy is magnified. Likewiſe to offer fervent Prayers to the Moſt High GOD, for the Protection and Proſperity of the *United States of America*; that the *General Congreſs* may be favoured with the Divine preſence, and all neceſſary Wiſdom, Fidelity and Fortitude.--That GOD would grant unto each of the United States Peace, Tranquility and the Bleſſings of a well-regulated and righteous Government; and that the Inhabitants of this State particularly, may know and ſerve the LORD, as the Multitude of his Mercies demands--that our Legiſlature may ever be directed by the Wiſdom of the Moſt High, and all the Rulers of the People cloathed with Fidelity and Knowledge--that Temperance, Sobriety, Juſtice, Benevolence and Obedience to Laws both Divine and Human may obtain through the Land--that the Lord of Hoſts would continue to bleſs our Arms, make our Officers wiſe and brave, our Soldiers firm and undaunted, grant Health in their Encampments, Preſervation and Victory in Battle, and give them all the Virtues of pure and undefiled Religion. That the Intereſts of America by Sea and Land may be advanced. The War brought to a ſpeedy, ſafe and honourable Iſſue. That every Inſtance of Divine Judgment, or of GOD's great Mercy may excite Piety, Devotion, and holy Obedience.--That our Churches may be purified, and bleſſed with a pious and able Miniſtry--that the Intereſts of Literature be advanced--that the Indian Natives of this Land be taught the Knowledge and Obedience of the only true God, and the Saviour of Mankind--that the Holy Spirit be poured out on all Mankind, and the World be filled with Righteouſneſs, Peace, Love and the Glory of the Lord.

And all ſervile Labour is Forbidden on ſaid Day.

Given under my Hand at the Council Chamber in Hartford, the Thirty-Firſt Day of October, Anno. Domini, 1777.

JONATHAN TRUMBULL,

HARTFORD Printed by HANNAH WATSON, near the Great-Bridge.

By the standards of his contemporaries, Ebenezer Watson was a poor printer. However, on the proclamations of Jonathan Trumbull for August 14 and October 31, 1777, he and his widow, Hannah, used the above cut. It is far above the local average of wood engraving and in fact it apparently was the work of Henry Dawkins of Philadelphia.

In the right corner appear the initials "HD Fec." which was the signature Dawkins used on many of his engravings during the latter period of his life. Henry Dawkins flourished from 1753-1780 and although he produced considerable work, little is known about him. If this was the work of Dawkins it was done at a time when he was defending himself against a charge of counterfeiting Continental and Provincial Currency in New York.

Perhaps the most interesting point in connection with this cut is the fact that it contains the earliest illustration of "The Union Flag", which was the flag of the states from 1776-1777. We have been unable to find any other illustration of this flag that can be termed contemporaneous. On June 14, 1777 the Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes design. Since this particular cut was undoubtedly contracted for before news of this adoption could reach Hartford, no change could be made though it is significant that the cut was used again on October 31, 1777 without alteration.

Another point of interest is the seal. This is the earliest illustration of the State seal that we have found. The heraldic design and motto were adopted many years before but had been used for certifying documents and sealing purposes. Up until this time it had not been printed on an official document though *The Connecticut Courant* had made use of it on their mast, so that its design was well known. Prior to the war the proclamations and laws had borne the royal arms and with the war this practice had been discontinued. In order to have some relief at the top to set off what otherwise would be dull type, Ebenezer Watson or Henry Dawkins, whichever should be credited with its design, made this cut. This is also the first time the word State appeared on the seal—which is of interest, for it was not until 1784 that the design and motto used were officially adopted for the State of Connecticut by the General Assembly.

Ebenezer Watson printed the proclamation of August 14, 1777 which first used this cut. He died on September 16 of that year and his widow, Hannah (Bunce) Watson, succeeded him as printer and publisher of *The Connecticut Courant*. Significantly, aside from printing the *Courant* the proclamation of October 31, 1777 was probably the first printing job that she had to supervise. She used the cut that her husband had last used and in lay-out it was natural for her to copy what he had done. This incidentally was the first time that Hannah Watson placed her imprint on her work. The imprint "Hannah Watson" also appeared on a pamphlet, a sermon and an almanac, but she never used it on the *Courant*.

In January, 1778, George Goodwin, now 21 but with 12 years' experience printing the paper, was taken into partnership and the imprint was changed to Watson and Goodwin. With this partnership the same cut was used once more. It was used this time until the February

10th issue of the paper. Again there is more behind the mere stating of the fact. On January 27th the paper mill, run by the proprietors of the *Courant* to provide an unending supply of stock, was burned and with it was lost a considerable amount of news paper. The next two issues, those of February 3 and 10, appear on one sheet only with apologies but being hopeful that the shortage would soon be remedied. However on February 17th the shortage of space became so desperate that the publishers omitted the cut and used smaller size type in order to make the best of the situation. It was permanent this time and the *Courant* never used this cut again.

The same design was unearthed a few years ago for use on a proclamation of Governor Wilbur Cross commemorating Nathan Hale, at which time several slight alterations were made. The combined red cross of Saint George, representing the flag of England, and the white cross of Saint Andrew, representing the flag of Scotland, were taken out probably because of too great a resemblance to the English flag which would hardly have been appropriate on a Nathan Hale Proclamation.

In 1940 this variation was used again on the catalogue of the exhibit commemorating the 500th anniversary of printing from movable type.

THOMPSON R. HARLOW*

NEWS OF THE SOCIETY

On August 25th Thompson R. Harlow, Librarian of the Society since May 1940, left for active service in the United States Army. For the duration Miss Frances A. Hoxie will serve as Acting Librarian.

The Society is fortunate in securing the part time services of our member Miss Rosamond Cruikshank, Librarian of the Business and Technical Branch of the Hartford Public Library, who will act as cataloguer. Miss Cruikshank brings to this position considerable experience and an appreciation of the magnitude and difficulties involved in the task.

On the appeal of President Edgar F. Waterman, the Legislature renewed our annual publication grant of one thousand dollars, which is to be used for the publishing of our *Collections*. Volume 25 will be the first of a series comprising the papers of John Cotton Smith, Lieutenant Governor, Acting Governor and Governor from 1811 to 1817.

Our late member George W. Merrow willed to the Society his extensive collection of coins and numismatic books. Many of the pieces are choice specimens of ancient Greek and Roman coinage. At the same time we received from Mrs. J. Coolidge Hills numerous colonial bills and several early English silver coins, including one of Henry I.

BARKHAMSTED CHURCH RECORDS

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Dorsus Case, the wife of Ezra Case, & Orre Case, Adults at the time of their admission to the church.

Eveline a child of Henry Allyn

* Information herein contained represents the views of the contributor only.

June 9th	Baptized, Rhoda, George Webster, Hannah, and Vashti Children of George Merrils.
June 23d	Daniel John, Stuben, Lina, and Ursula Clarus, children of John Raxford.
July 8th	John Warner, Mary-Ann, Betsey and Luezer, children of John Whitney Junr
July 1st	Baptized upon their admission to the church. Salmon, Harold Drayton Janes and Johana his wife. Mary Whiting, Almira Shepperd and Maria Burwell.
July 29th	Harriet, a child of Marcus Rose, and Horace Miller a child of Horace Butler.
August 19th	Adaline, Emily, Elaminia, Rhoda and Henry Laroy, children of Maj. Drayton Jones.
Septr 23d	R King Hezekiah, Coelus, Adaline, Huldah, Jerome, Esther children of Hezekiah Case, and Emily a child of Orre Case.
Sept. 2d	Mehitable Case, on his admission to the church.
Sept 30th	Justina a child of Peletiah Allyn
Oct 7th	Harmon Laroy a child of Sylvester Jones
Oct 7th	Jennet Azuleah a child of Enoch Burwell.
1822 May 19th	Baptized James a child of Matthew Allyn.
July 7th	Baptized Abigail a child of John Burwell
June 9th	Baptized Henry, Elijah, Joel, James, William and Ann, children of Joel Tiffany.
Octr 1823	Baptized Chauncey H, Eliza-Anne & Louisa-Jerusha, children of Abel Rockwell.
May 1824	Baptized Cordelia Sophia a child of Revd Saul Clark
July 4th	Baptized Lorrain Giddings an adult, and Damaris Almina, Salmon and Sarah Malvinah, his children upon his admission to the church.
Sept 4th	Baptized Jesse Rollin, a child of Rollin Newell.
Sepr 26th	Baptized by Mr Goodman Warren a child of Virgil Taylor
Octr 10th	Baptized Sally Julina a child of Sylvester Jones.
Baptized May 1827	Huron and Julane children of Mr ———— Marshal.
Baptized July 1728	Mariah and Rhoda Children of Col. Jones. Also Ellen Celina and Laura Lucinda children of Chauncey Ives.
May 6th 1827	Baptized Sarah, Counsel Everett and Esther Elizabeth children of Everett Wilcox. At the same time John and Mary children of Lovel Rose.
Novr 27th 1827	Baptized Elizah Bidwell, Rusel Olmsted, Elmart, Harriet St——d, Laury-Anne and George Leonidas, children of Friend White. At the same time

Julia-Anne, and Minerva Almira, Grandchildren of Martin Manes, the one on his behalf and the other on account of his son and daughter Shepard being under their care. Also Almira and Roxana children of Hiram Pike. Dwight a child of Andrew Case and Mahala a child of Segar.

Nov^{r} 4th 1827 the following persons received the ordinance upon their admission to this church.

Samuel Ives
Chauncey Ives
Susanna Ives
Rachel Elizabeth Masses
Elizah Curtiss Cannon
Bela Squire Jun^{r}
Seth Parsons Squire
Norton Millard Bramond
Lucy Messenger
Electa Segar
Lucy Fidelia Messenger
Hiram Pike
Ruth Pike
Nancy Trumbull
Ira Shepard
Ralzemond Rust
Selden White
Watrous Timothy Mentor
Arron Weldman
George Jaines
Eliza Anne Gains
Amaret Perry
Lavinia Case
Anne Andrus
Scripta Wetmore

Jany 6th 1828 Baptized Mrs Harriet Burwell and Julia-Anne White upon their admission to the church.

1833 Baptized

March 3^{d} Huldah, wife of Chauncy Munson, adult.
June 16th Franklin, child of Luke and ——— Hayden
Infant
Homer, child of Henry and Clarisse Allyn
Bela Tiffany ------- adult
Bula, wife of Ralph Johnson

1833 Baptized

June 30 Romanzo, Emily, Julia, Alonzo, Munson } Children of Munson and Amelia } Hitchcock

July 7th — Truman Rust -------- Adults
Joseph Carter
Sarah Hart
Lucy, wife of John Root

Aug 11th — Diadama --------- Household
Harriet, Grandison Newell, Fidelia Cadwell, Rhoda — children of Thomas Jr. and Diadama Wilder

Sept 1 — William Hart ———— Adult
Betsa — wife of Titus Johnson

Nov 3 — Melisse Gains

1834

May 4 — Cornish, child of Japhet Homer and Aseneth Case.

Added to the church

Jan 6th 1833 — Rolin Newell by profession
March 3d — Linda, wife of Wm Stilman by letter
Eunice Y. wife of Wm R Gould.
Mary M. C. Gould
Amelia, wife of Munson Hitchcock.
Tirsa wife of Elisha Payne by profession
Huldah, wife of Chauncy Munson
Sarah, wife of Marcus Rose
Fanny, wife of Levi Tiffany
Bela Tiffany
Laura, wife of Bela Tiffany
William Ripley Gould Jr ——

May 5 — ——Bulah wife of Ralph Johnson

July 7 — Timothy Tiffany—by letter from the Church in Otis.
Diadama, wife of Thomas Belden Jr. by profession
Clarinda Allyn
Clarissa Allyn
Milton Goodhue
Joseph Carter
Louisa, wife of Timothy Tiffany
Truman Rust
Ursula Hitchcock
Nancy Taylor
Amoret Rose
Sarah Hart
Lucy, wife of John Root

Sept 1— John Whiting
William Hart
James Tiffany
Louisa Whiting
Almena Giddings

	Eveline Allyn
	Hannah Merrells
	Betsa, wife of Titus Johnson
Nov 3	Melifsa Gains
	Harriet Wilder
May 4	William Stillman by letter from Colebrok
1834	Joel Bunnel and ——— by profession
	Thebe Bunnel, his wife
1835	
Nov 1st	Tamma Pettibone by letter
1836	Mercy, wife of George Merrils
May 15	Thomas Wilder Ralph Johnson } by profession
	Elisa Tuttle—wife of Romanta
July	Stuben Rexford Virgil Corredon Taylor } by profession
1838	
Jan 1—	Susan, wife of Rufus Case, by profession
July 1—	Henrietta M wife of John Rexford—Letter
1819 January 17th	Gave a letter of Dismission to Almira Hart (now Raxford)
June 28th	Mrs Sylvia Adams was dismissed
Jany 4th 1822	Gave a letter of dismission to Hezekiah Case and his wife, Marcus Case and wife, Orre and Mehitable Case, gave a letter also to the wife of Thomas Barber. Letters were also given to Mrs. Nancy Stephen and Mrs Hannah Wadsworth.
Jany 1824—	Gave a letter to Mrs Harriet Munson, now Marsh of New Hartford.

Deaths Recorded

1786	
August 26th	Mrs ——— Cafe wife of Elijah Case Died
Septbr 20	Capt Samll Olmfted Husband to Mrs Mary Olmfted
Nov.br 1st	Simeon Culver, Son of Silas Culver, Scalded to Death.
Decbr 3d	——— Wilcox, child of Jofeph Wilcox and his wife
1787	
Janry 3d	William Aufton Husband to Mrs Anne Aufton in a fit.
Janry 31st	Widow ——— Barns Mother to John Ive's wife.
July 11th	An infant child of Jonathan Johnson and his wife
1788	
Janry 29th	Mrs ——— Payne, wife of Mr Payne Consumption

Febry	21st	A Daughter of the Widow Lidia Watſons, in Childhood
May	28th	Lemuel Freſby, Husband to Mrs Lucy Starting Friſby. of the Fall of a Tree, his neck and Back broke and Expired Instantly.
Augst	9th	An Infant Child of Jonathan Johnson and his wife.
Augst	15th	A child Son to Joſeph Wilcox Junr and wife
1789		
Janry	3d	A child of Simeon Tedman and his wife
May	7th	Abel Humphrey, Huſband to Joan Humphry —Aged 84
May	27th	An Infant Child of Ozias Eells and his wife
June	2d	An Infant child of Jonathan Allyn and his wife
1790		
Febry	27th	Sufy Shepard Daughter of Manning Shepard and his wife
July	15th	Jude a Negro girl of Doctr Timothy Miller & Wife
Aug	7th	Lucy Jones Wife to Benoni Jones of the Consumption
Dec.br	8th	Sarah Ludington Wife to Aaron Ludington
Decbr	22d	A child of Iſaac Cornwell and his Wife of ye Rattles.
1791	Jan 7—	A child of Stephen Richardson and wife inf.
	Mar. 26	Two infant children of Ambrose Humphrey and his wife.
	Sept.	An infant child of Benoni Jones.
	Oct.	Roxanna Roxford daughter of William Roxford and wife.
	Aug.	A child of Mr. Reed.
1792	Jan. 17—	An infant child of Benjamin Jones and wife.
	Feb. 25—	A child of George Shepard and his wife.
	Mar. 12—	An infant child of Ambrose Humphry and wife.
	Apr. 24	Sherburn Johnson Crane son of Jerimiah Crane.
	May 6—	Elizabeth Shepard wife of George Shepard.
	Nov. 21—	Polly Ludington, daughter of Aaron Ludington.
1793	May 28	Noah Hart Willy son to Clement B. Willy.
	June 7—	A child of Darius Sperry and wife.
	June 17—	An infant child of Jared Tuttle and wife.
	June 22—	Calvin Cromwell son to Isaac Cromwell.
	June 26—	An infant child of Benjamin Jones and wife.
	July 27—	Daniel Rexford Jr. husband to Sarah Rexford.
	Aug. 12—	A child of Seth Hart and wife.

(To be continued)

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